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State revokes, suspends licenses, certifications, registrations of health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has revoked or suspended the licenses, certifications, or registrations of health care providers in our state. The department has also immediately suspended the credentials of people who have been prohibited from practicing in other states.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency's website. Click on "[Look up a healthcare provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health home page](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In June 2013 the secretary of health accepted the surrendered credential of radiologic technologist **Gary Wayne Owens** (RT60068503) after he was convicted of third degree child molestation. Owens took a 13-year-old girl to his home and groped her while she slept.

In July 2013 the Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission dismissed charges against chiropractor **Gabriel Anguiano** (CH00002745).

Clark County

In July 2013 the Nursing Commission suspended the license of registered nurse **Marcy C. Harris** (RN00154541) until her Oregon credential is reinstated. She voluntarily surrendered her license to the Oregon State Board of Nursing after calling in unauthorized prescriptions for Vicodin and testing positive for hydrocodone and morphine in 2011.

King County

In June 2013 the secretary of health modified a cease and desist order to **Ruilian Yang** by reducing the amount of the fine. The cease and desist order was issued for giving a massage to a client even though Yang didn't have a credential to practice as a massage therapist.

In June 2013 the secretary of health issued a permanent cease and desist order to **Wenjing Feng** for giving a massage to a client though Feng has no credential to practice as a massage therapist.

In June 2013 the secretary of health withdrew the statement of charges against certified nursing assistant **Fantanesh H. Terara** (NC10087040).

In July 2013 the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Mary Anna Vanwieringen** (NA00126440) for at least two years. While working for an assisted living services company, Vanwieringen yelled at, threatened, and teased vulnerable adults.

Lewis County

In July 2013 the secretary of health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Rhonda Jo Baxter** (NC10093371) for at least two years. She didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring contract.

Pierce County

In July 2013 the Board of Pharmacy suspended the credentials of pharmacy assistant **Christa Nelson** (VB60153239 and VA60245078) for at least three years. Nelson went inside an elderly neighbor's home and stole blank checks after the neighbor was taken to the hospital in an ambulance.

In July 2013 the secretary of health ended the probation order against registered nursing assistant **Brent M. Pritchard** (NA60182909, NC60182962 and CO60327796).

In July 2013 the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Sharon Louise Pouncy** (NA60103488) for at least three years. Pouncy stole at least \$80 from a patient while working at an assisted living facility.

In July 2013 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of agency affiliated counselor **Teresa Lorraine Holloway** (CG60300038). She didn't participate in a required substance abuse monitoring program.

In July 2013 the secretary of health suspended the credentials of chemical dependency professional **Bonnie Rebecca Russell** (CO60150321 and CP60249085) for at least three years. Russell had an intimate relationship with one of her clients, and they moved in together.

In July 2013 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Sarah M. Bain** (RN00161217). She didn't comply with the terms of her contract after entering a substance abuse monitoring program.

In July 2013 the Chiropractic Quality Assurance Commission permanently revoked the credential of chiropractor **Danny D. Baldwin** (CH00003681). Baldwin continued to provide chiropractic treatment to patients while his license was suspended. The commission found that Baldwin has had multiple prior disciplinary issues and has a pattern of ignoring the laws and rules that govern the practice of chiropractic.

Skagit County

In July 2013 the secretary of health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Tammy Kim Vega** (NC10076977) for at least three years. Vega was convicted of unlawful possession of a firearm.

Snohomish County

In June 2013 the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Ebrima Dibba** (NA00173030) for at least two years. Dibba yelled and cursed at a resident while working at an assisted living facility.

In July 2013 the Department of Health dismissed charges against chemical dependency professional **Lelan C. Jamison** (CP00003694).

In July 2013 the Department of Health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Jongkunda Ad Ceesay** (NC10075035) for at least five years. Ceesay mentally and physically abused a vulnerable adult while working for an assisted living service. He yelled and swore at a disabled adult, straddled the client on a couch, and choked him.

Spokane County

In July 2013 the secretary of health ended the probation order against certified nursing assistant **Jennifer E. Martin** (NC10057361).

In July 2013 the Nursing Commission suspended the credentials of registered nurse **John V. Billings** (RN00127908 and AP30004240) for at least four years. Billings overprescribed multiple patients and routinely practiced outside the scope of his credentials.

In July 2013 the Department of Health indefinitely suspended the credential of home care aide **Douglas Eugene Campbell** (HM60294171). He didn't enroll in a substance abuse monitoring program as required by a February 2013 agreed order.

Thurston County

In July 2013 the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Kathleen Laporta** (NA60330472) for at least two years. Laporta tried to get Vicodin by fraudulently calling in a prescription to a Safeway pharmacy.

In July 2013 the secretary of health indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Tracy Marie Hill** (NA60252834). Her health care assistant credential was suspended in February 2013 for practicing with an expired credential.

Walla Walla County

In July 2013 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the license of registered nurse **Melissa R. Metcalf** (RN00146003). Metcalf surrendered her license to practice as a registered nurse in Oregon.

Yakima County

In June 2013 the secretary of health suspended the credential of registered nursing assistant **Mayra C. Sanchez** (NA00183257) for at least five years. Sanchez was convicted of first degree criminal trespass and making false or misleading statements to a public servant. The Department of Social and Health Services found that she stole \$50 from a resident while working at an assisted living facility.

In July 2013 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Alicia E. Eirich** (RN00159917). She didn't comply with a substance abuse monitoring program.

In July 2013 the Nursing Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Regina J. Mercer** (LP60013043). Mercer diverted controlled substances for her use.

Out of State

Arizona: In June 2013 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Pamela M. Kause** (RN00166827). She sent bizarre and rambling e-mails to various Arizona government agencies. The Arizona State Board of Nursing immediately suspended Kause after determining that Kause's e-mails exhibited paranoia and delusional thought processes related to a psychiatric disorder.

Florida: In July 2013 the Department of Health suspended the credential of certified nursing assistant **Shamrul Neshaw Hossain** (NC10049391) until her Florida credential is reinstated. Florida placed her on probation for using her position to steal money and property from a resident while working at an assisted living facility.

Idaho: In July 2013 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission suspended the credential of licensed practical nurse **Cynthia Lynn Van Holland** (LP00035653) for at least five years. She pled guilty to 21 counts of bank robbery.

Oregon: In July 2013 the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission indefinitely suspended the credential of registered nurse **Shannon L. Bradley** (RN00151984). Bradley surrendered her nursing credential in Oregon after failing to comply with the terms of a substance abuse monitoring program.

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